

HOUSE BILL 519

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AN ACT to designate the Tennessee Technology Corridor by signage on the Pellissippi Parkway.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of transportation is directed to erect on the Pellissippi Parkway suitable markers or affix suitable signs designating the Tennessee Technology Corridor.

(b) Such signs shall be designed by the department in consultation with Knox County and shall include language appropriate to indicate that users of the highway are traveling on the Tennessee Technology Corridor.

SECTION 2. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any sign location which is prescribed by such manual shall be located in a conforming position at a location visible to travelers on the Pellissippi Parkway.

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if Knox County remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Knox County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the

state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Knox County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Knox County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.